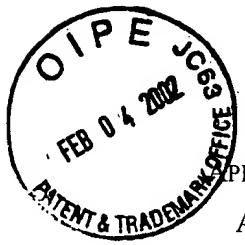


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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the December 5, 2001, Office Action in the above-identified application.

With the one month extension, this filing is due on or before February 4, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R.

§1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 20363-011 (DFCI-11). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed. Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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